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EACH SUPERVISOR

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P. MICHAEL FREEMAN

CA-TF2 DEPLOYMENT TO HAITI

At 9:00 p.m. tonight, our 72-member California Task Force 2 is scheduled to depart March Air Force Base in Riverside en route to Haiti to help rescue and recover earthquake victims following yesterday's reported 7.0 magnitude earthquake southwest of Port-au-Prince. As we previously advised, shortly after news of the earthquake, our commanders received a request for assistance from the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), and began staging at the Department's USAR Facility in Pacoima. In addition to the Task Force, three personnel were deployed earlier today to Washington, D.C. and to Haiti, to assist USAID and the United Nations.

It is a source of great pride for our organization to not only have this highly specialized response capability, but to be called into duty by USAID to help save life and property beyond our borders. We will be in continual contact with the team throughout their deployment, and also with their family members. We will keep the Board updated with any new developments.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (323) 881-2401.

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